

**Appl. No.** : 10/516,580  
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### REMARKS

In response to the restriction requirement set forth in the communication, Applicant elects to prosecute Group I, Claims 1-5; 19-21, and 32-35, drawn to *Streptococcus thermophilus* ST 111 strain and a method of using a culture of the strain for fermentation. This election is made with traverse.

Claims 4, 5, 19, 20, and 32-34 have been amended to include an active method step as preferred by the USPTO. No new matter is added.

### Conclusion

Should there be any questions concerning this application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned agent at the telephone number appearing below. Please charge any additional fees, including any fees for additional extension of time, or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 11-1410.

Respectfully submitted,

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